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Professional Development for Transition to The Montana Common Core Standards

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) encourages the first step of professional development for educators, parents and community members is to view the *Getting Ready for Transitions to the Common Core Standards and Assessment Introduction Webinar*. The PowerPoint, Frequently Asked Questions, Timeline and other resources are also available on the OPI Webpage: <http://opi.mt.gov/MontanaCommonCoreStandards>.

The OPI in collaboration with Montana educators has developed an Overview Module 1 to assist K-12 educators in building an initial understanding of the Montana Common Core Standards and Assessment. Due to the immense amount of information and content needed for implementation of the Montana Common Core Standards, it is encouraged that the second step for professional development is for all stakeholders to participate in the Montana Common Core Standards Overview: Module 1.

Additional Modules will be developed to facilitate an understanding of Standards for Mathematical Practice, Mathematics learning progressions, English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects and Assessment. The Modules will include a PowerPoint presentation, facilitator guides, handouts, as well as a webinar and/or an online course. These components will be available on the OPI Webpage <http://opi.mt.gov/MontanaCommonCoreStandards> as well as on-site workshops. OPI encourages viewing the webinars and/or participating in an on-site workshop by qualified facilitators. The workshops can be organized several ways: hour sessions, half-day workshops, or all day workshops. The time allotted and materials used for each workshop should be chosen by the facilitator and lead district/school personnel to best meet the needs and purpose for the intended audience.

Guiding Questions for the transition to Montana Common Core Standards:

1. Examine the documents for similarities and differences:
 - What are we currently doing that is in line with the content of these standards?
 - What is different between these standards and what we are currently teaching?
2. Implications for the districts and schools:
 - What changes in practice will these standards necessitate?
 - How will we go about making these changes?
 - What support will we need?
3. Implications for classrooms:
 - How can math teachers begin integrating the Mathematical Practice into their instruction?
 - How can social studies, science and technical subject areas begin to use the literacy standards in their content areas?
 - What support will teachers, students, and parents need?
4. Use of tools/resources:
 - What will we need to do with the tools/resources that will be coming from the OPI?
 - What other reliable tools/resources can be used?
 - How will we select and use reliable tools/resources from other organizations?

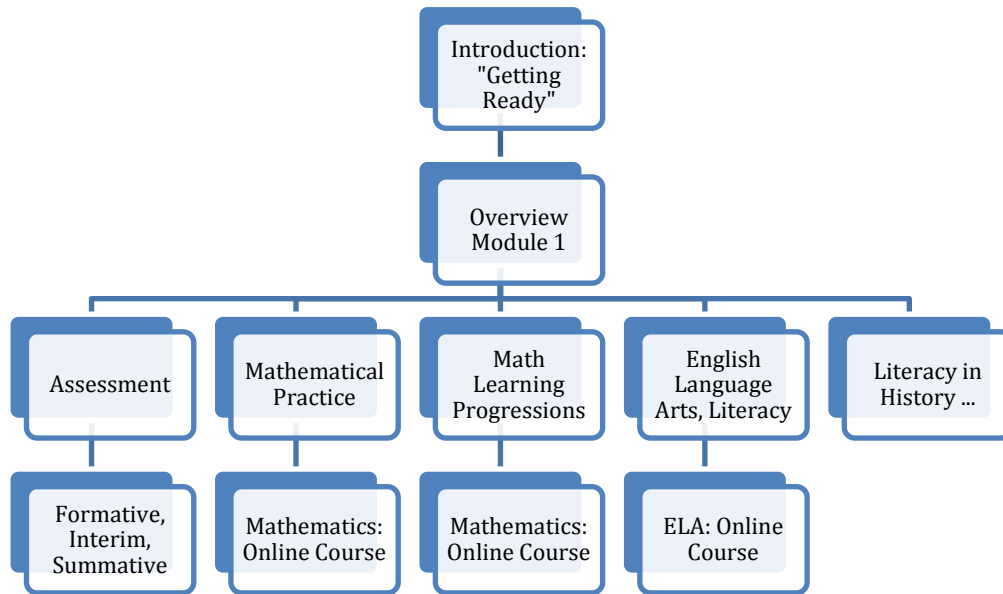


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Professional Development Modules



GETTING EVERY STUDENT COLLEGE AND CAREER READY

Introduction to Montana Common Core Standards and Assessment

- Addresses Montana Common Core Standards background, Mathematics content, English Language Arts content, SMARTER Balanced and MontCAS assessment systems

Overview Module 1: English Language Arts, Literacy, Mathematics, and Assessment

- Presentation that addresses the structure of the documents, specific content, and shifts in grade-by-grade expectations.

Overview Module 1ELA: In-depth study of the major shifts in English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects

Overview Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects

English Language Arts: Online Course

Overview Module 1M: Mathematics: Standards for Mathematical Practices

Overview Module 2M: Mathematics: Learning Progressions

Mathematics: Online Course

Modules will be posted on the OPI Webpage <http://opi.mt.gov/MontanaCommonCoreStandards> and are comprised of a Webinar, a PowerPoint, Facilitator Guide, or will be offered as an Online course.

Read the *Introduction to Professional Development for Transition to the Montana Common Core Standards* for further description of the Modules.